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In this volume, we are happy present the post-proceedings of BNAIC/BeNeLearn 2023, the joint conference on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning in the BeNeLux, which took place at TU Delft. It is the main regional conference on these topics and has a long tradition: in 2018, the 30th Benelux Conference on Artificial Intelligence (BNAIC) and the 27th Belgian Dutch Conference on Machine Learning (Benelearn) were jointly organized in 's Hertogenbosch, and this has been repeated annually since.

The conference took place from Wednesday November 8th to Friday November 10th, filling nearly three full days with invited and contributed talks, poster presentations, demo's and an industry session. The conference was preceded by a co-located ELLIS Benelux PhD event. The scientific track consisted of different types of papers: A) regular papers, B) encore abstracts of recently published work, C) demonstration papers, and D) thesis abstracts. A total of 139 submissions were received (47 type A papers, 49 encore abstracts, 5 demonstration papers, and 38 thesis abstracts), out of which 122 were selected for presentation, following a single-blind peer review process in which the type A, C and D papers received at least two reviews each. Decisions on type B papers, which report on work that has already passed peer review, were made by the program chairs. Following a round of revisions and another round of peer review with a minimum of two reviews per paper, 14 papers were selected for these post-proceedings.

The contributed type A and B papers were given 20 min to present their work, as well as the opportunity to present a poster. The thesis abstracts were presented in the poster session and advertised in lightning poster pitch sessions. Furthermore, the program featured two exciting keynotes by Jan-Willem van der Meent (Universiteit van Amsterdam) and Ann Nowé (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), a panel on "AI in the scientific world and industry: opportunities and challenges", a session led by BNVKI with invited talks from the Polish AI Society, and a FACt session to highlight upcoming faculty in AI. We gave awards for the best paper by Yannick Molinghen, Raphaël Avalos, Mark Van Achter, Ann Nowé and Tom Lenaerts, the best student abstract by Eline Bovy, Marnix Suilen and Nils Jansen, and the best demo by Junhan Wen, Andrei Dascalu, Dragomir Drashkov, Marinski, Bhatti, Herrebout and Michael Weinmann.

Organizing a conference takes an incredible effort, and we would like to thank our coorganizers, student volunteers, and the support staff of TU Delft Mechanical Engineering faculty. The conference sponsors are also warmly thanked. These were at level platinum: BNVKI, SIKS; at level gold: Convergence AI Port Center, Dyflexis, ORTEC, TU Delft AI Initiative; and at level silver: ASML.

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